

WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S STRATHFIELD SOUTH PARISH

Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe (Year C)

19 & 20 November 2022

Weekday/Weekend Mass Timetable:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am
Tuesday - Friday 9:15 am
Saturday: 9:15 am

Reconciliation - Saturdays from 9:45 am
Baptisms, marriages and funerals, by appointment only.

SUNDAY READINGS:

2 Samuel 5:1-3
St Paul to the Colossians 1:12-20
Luke 23:35-43

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge and celebrate that this land is of the Wangal people of the Darug nation on which we are gathered. We commit ourselves to work together for reconciliation, justice and peace.



Responsorial Psalm: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!



FOR OUR DEAD
Please remember those who have gone before us:
Rosa Tud Tud Galo
Michael Fong
Dora Falcioni

SPECIAL INTENTION
Our parish children preparing for their first reconciliation on 24 November

FOR OUR SICK
Tony Grace
Peter Simon

Just as Australians live with the tension between democracy and allegiance to a foreign monarch, so the Church continues to live with the tension between Christ's titles as king and servant. Those who hanker for an appropriate replacement for "king" will find no solace in the Macquarie Thesaurus (Sydney: Macquarie Dictionary, 2007). The word "king" takes one to "ruler" and to 93 synonyms which range from the obvious, such as "emperor" and "sovereign," to the obscure, such as "jarl" and "pendragon." All of them seem to connote power and authority; none of them hint at what the followers of Jesus Christ mean when they call him king.



It's a constant challenge for Christians to defy the word's conventional associations and give full weight to Jesus' constant subversion of them. It needs to be shorn of its imputation of dominance. Perhaps its suggestion of pre-eminence might be preferred. The

gospels portray Jesus as pre-eminent in love, mercy, selflessness, justice, compassion, peace, wisdom and truth.

For all that, the gospels do testify to the power and authority with which Jesus impressed the people. It was the authority of one who loved "with all his heart and mind and soul and strength" (Mk 12:30). It was the power of one in whom inner self and public persona, flesh and spirit, the human and the divine, all cohered in harmony. A king whose true identity was Son and servant.

Source: Liturgy Brisbane

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STAY AWAKE! PREPARE FOR THE COMING OF CHRIST
ADVENT COMPANION 2022

The beautiful Season of Advent is approaching. Let us make the most of this precious time to gather in our parishes and communities to prepare for the coming of Jesus.

Go Make Disciples have created an Advent Companion, which contains Gospel readings for the Sundays of Advent and Christmas, and spiritual reflections by Bishop Danny Meagher, Mrs Tania Rimac, Sr Mary Julian Ekman RSM, Dr Michael Casey and Fr Benjamin Saliba. The companion is designed for individual or group prayer, either in-person or online.

We have a limited amount of copies available for parishioners to take home. These are available from the table at the back of the church. You can also download it from the Go Make Disciples website at www.gomakedisciples.org.au.



An Advent group is being organised to be held in the parish. Consider joining a group and creating a space to prayerfully prepare for this season of hope, joy, and peace as we approach Christmas. The group will meet on Tuesday nights commencing 29th November 2022 at 7 pm in the Presbytery. A sign-up sheet can be found on the back table.

WORLD YOUTH DAY LISBON 2023:
LOCAL CELEBRATION OF THE
FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

Sunday 20 November

6-9:30pm

St Mary's Cathedral

Mass at 6pm (Principal Celebrant: Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP) followed by festivities in St Mary's Cathedral College Hall. Join hundreds of other young adult pilgrims travelling from the Archdiocese of Sydney to WYD23, for a Portuguese style local WYD Celebration!

If you are a youth leader, please bring along your young people! Or if you know any young adults who might be interested, please encourage them to come along!

SYNOD OF BISHOPS
CONTINENTAL STAGE

The Church around the world has entered the Continental Stage for the Synod of Bishops on Synodality. Groups around the country are praying with and responding to the Document for the Continental Stage, which was published recently.

Download prayer resources, including for use in liturgies, read the document and access the submission portal at:

[www.catholic.org.au/
synodalchurch](http://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch)

Dear Parishioners, Parents and Carers,

The St Anne's School swimming program progressed very smoothly over the past two weeks. I am sure that we will see the fruits of our students' labours during the Swimming Carnival at Enfield Aquatic Centre on Monday. The weather forecast for Monday is promising. Mrs Karen Suttor is the brains for this operation.



Earlier in 2022 our school went through a process which is known as School Inquiry and Review. This is something that all Sydney Catholic Schools undertake every five years. Recommendations from the review assist the school to develop a Strategic Plan for continuous improvement over the next five years.

The first step in creating this plan is to develop long term goals for our school. The following are the first draft of our goals:

- Introduce the Dominican charism and values so that they are known and lived throughout our school community.
- Extend and publicise opportunities for student learning and parent engagement through partnerships
- Develop and implement a strategic approach to leading change management and school improvement aligned with the curriculum reform.
- Create a culture of academic achievement and learning gains for all students.

The first goal will allow us to acknowledge the charism of the first teachers and principals at St Anne's. Most of our Catholic schools were founded by our religious orders. We are standing on the shoulders of giants.

This second goal aims to improve student outcomes and promote parent engagement through our partnerships with our parish, Bethlehem College, De La Salle College, local pre-schools, ACU Strathfield, Macquarie University and through the media and social media

The third and fourth goals reflect our central purpose of teaching and learning as we provide learning experiences so that students thrive, and St Anne's is a place where every student excels in a multitude of ways. We are excited about our future.

I would also like to say how grateful our school community is to all of our parishioners and to Father Jack for our Family Mass last Sunday. Thank you so much.

**Warm regards
Phil Townsend**

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TIL ADVENT BEGINS

REDEFINING NORMAL: MENTAL HEALTH, ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS WORKSHOP

Hosted by the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney's Justice and Peace Office. A practical workshop for individuals, families, carers, faith and community leaders.

Thursday 1 December

8:30am-1:00pm - 38 Renwick St, Leichhardt

Registrations open online:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/redefining-normal-mental-health-alcohol-other-drugs-aod-workshop-tickets-421083380727>